

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims ~~3~~ and ~~11~~ and amend the claims and add new Claim 41 as follows:

1. (Once Amended) A process for inhibiting the growth of microorganisms in a pesticide suspension, comprising the step of:

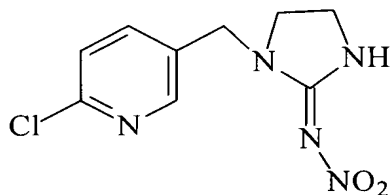
adding an effective amount of a biocide combination to a pesticide suspension,

B1 wherein said biocide combination comprises from about 3.0% to about 7.0% by weight of peracetic acid, from about 19.0% to about 25.0% by weight of hydrogen peroxide, and from about 68% to about 78% by weight of water, wherein the total composition by weight of said biocide combination is 100%.

B2 4. (Once Amended) The process of Claim 1 or 2 wherein the pesticide suspension comprises a pesticide selected from the group consisting of an insecticide, a herbicide, and a fungicide.

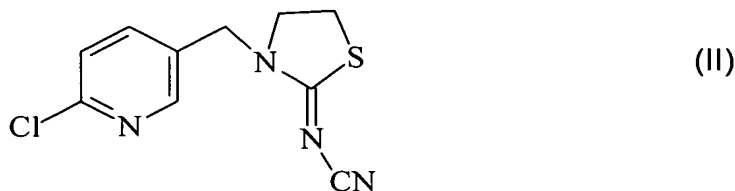
6. (Once Amended) The process of Claim 4 wherein the insecticide is a compound selected from the group consisting of

a compound represented by the formula (I)

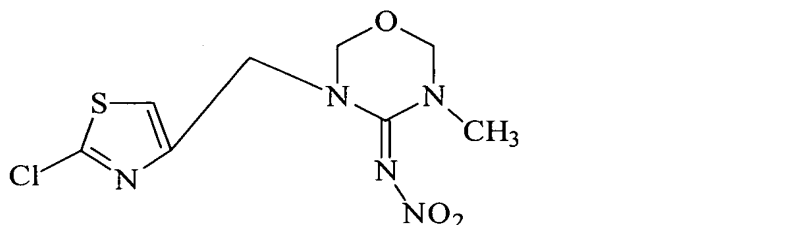


(I)

a compound represented by the formula (II)



and a compound represented by the formula (III)



9. (Once Amended) A process for inhibiting the growth of microorganisms in a pesticide suspension within a container that contains the pesticide suspension, the pesticide suspension including a pesticide suspended in a liquid medium comprising the steps of:

applying an effective amount of a biocide combination to one or more interior surfaces of a container which one or more surfaces contact a pesticide suspension when said pesticide suspension is contained within said container; and

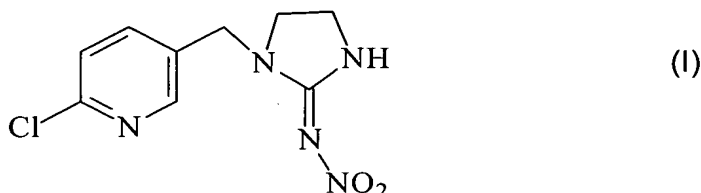
B4 introducing said pesticide suspension into said container, whereupon said pesticide suspension contacts said one or more interior surfaces having said biocide combination applied thereon;

wherein said biocide combination comprises from about 3.0% to about 7.0% by weight of peracetic acid, from about 19.0% to about 25.0% by weight of hydrogen peroxide, and from about 68% to about 78% by weight of water, wherein the total composition by weight of said biocide combination is 100%.

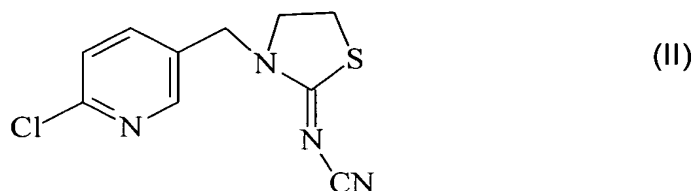
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12. (Once Amended) The process of Claim 9 or 10 wherein the pesticide suspension comprises a pesticide selected from the group consisting of an insecticide, a herbicide, and a fungicide.

14. (Once Amended) The process of Claim 12 wherein the insecticide is a compound selected from the group consisting of

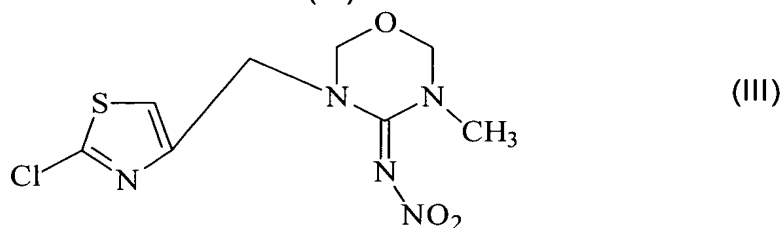
a compound of the formula (I)



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a compound of the formula (II)



and a compound of the formula (III)



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17. (Once Amended) A process for inhibiting the growth of microorganisms in a pesticide suspension, comprising the step of applying an effective amount of a biocide combination of peracetic acid, hydrogen peroxide, and water to a surface wherein the pesticide suspension is in contact with the surface.

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19. (Once Amended) The process of Claim 17 or 18 wherein the biocide combination comprises from about 3.0% to about 7.0% by weight of peracetic acid,
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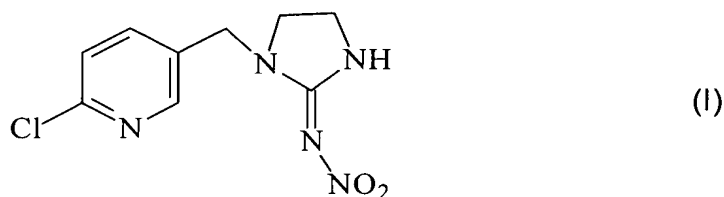
from about 19.0% to about 25.0% by weight of hydrogen peroxide, and from about 68% to about 78% by weight of water, wherein the total composition by weight is 100%.

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20. (Once Amended) The process of Claim 17 wherein the pesticide suspension comprises a pesticide selected from the group consisting of an insecticide, a herbicide, and a fungicide.

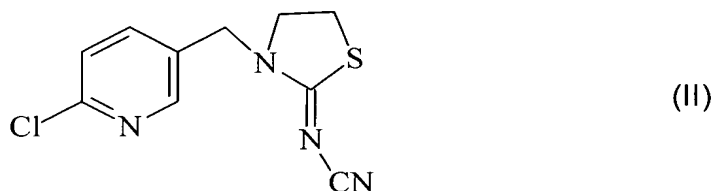
22. (Once Amended) The process of Claim 20 wherein the insecticide is a compound selected from the group consisting of

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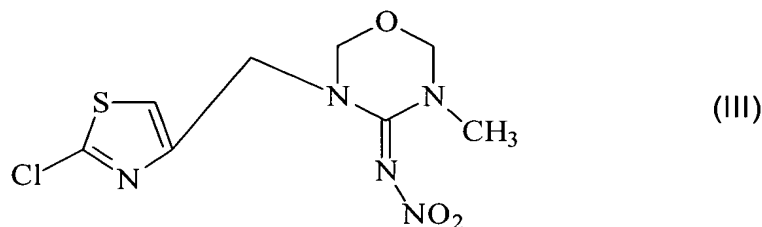


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a compound of the formula (II)



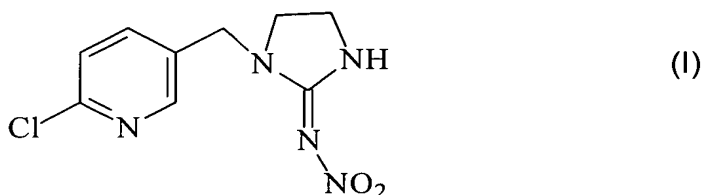
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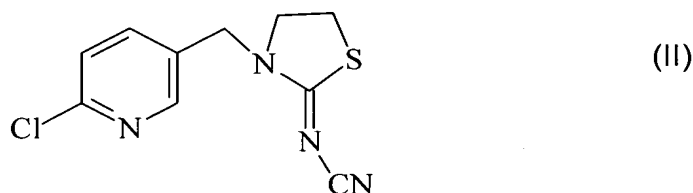
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28. (Once Amended). The process of Claim 25, 26 or 27 wherein the pesticide suspension comprises a pesticide is selected from the group consisting of an insecticide, a herbicide, and a fungicide.

30. (Once Amended) The process of Claim 28 wherein the insecticide is a compound selected from the group consisting of

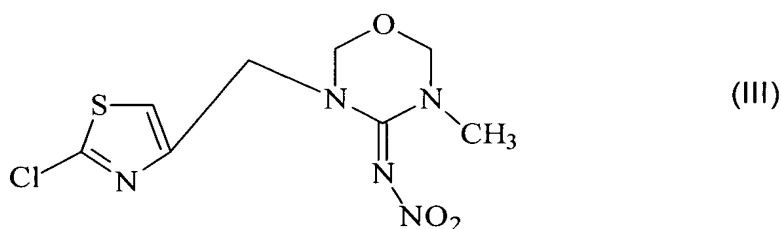
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a compound of the formula (II)



and a compound of the formula (III)

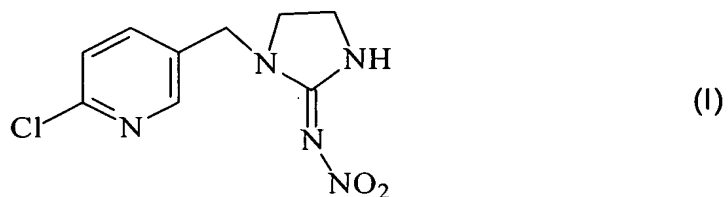


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36. (Once Amended). The process of Claim 33, 34 or 35 wherein the pesticide suspension comprises a pesticide selected from the group consisting of an insecticide, a herbicide, and a fungicide.

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38. (Once Amended) The process of Claim 36 wherein the insecticide is a compound selected from the group consisting of

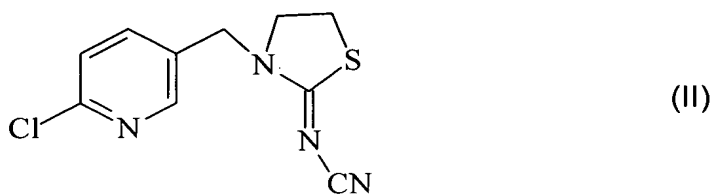
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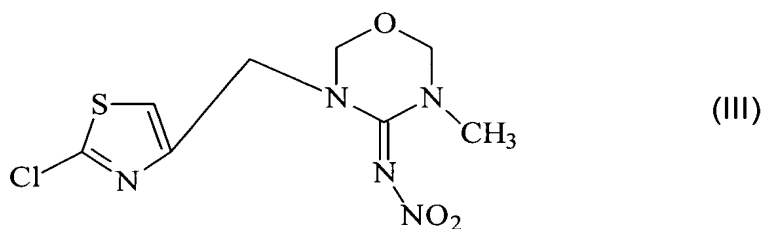


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314 41. (New) A process for inhibiting the growth of microorganisms in a pesticide suspension, comprising the step of adding a biocide combination of peracetic acid, hydrogen peroxide and water to a pesticide suspension.